

SENATE RESOLUTION 7006

By Woodson

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Dr. William Woodson on the dedication of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Lectureship at Freed-Hardeman University in his honor.

WHEREAS, throughout the history of this State, certain learned individuals have served as beacons of hope and trust, offering their wisdom and guidance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Woodson is one such individual who, in recognition of a lifetime of service to others, is being justly honored by Freed-Hardeman University on February 7, 2006, as its faculty and staff dedicate the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Lectureship in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson, the son of Thelma O'Rear Woodson and Henry Edgar Woodson, holds a Master's degree in Theology from Harding University and a Doctorate in Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; he taught for twenty-two years at Freed-Hardeman University, rendering sterling service as the Chair of its Bible Department from 1971 until 1982; and

WHEREAS, following his tenure at Freed-Hardeman, Dr. Woodson taught for fourteen years at David Lipscomb University, where he was the founding Chair of the Graduate Bible Studies Program. While holding the professorship at Lipscomb, he also served as the preacher for Granny White Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, though he retired from the classroom in 1996, Dr. William Woodson, a natural pedagogue, has continued to offer his knowledge and understanding to others, lecturing throughout the country and publishing several articles and books on a variety of religious topics; he has written *Standing for Their Faith*, *Perfecting Faith*, *Sounding Brass*, and *Change Agents and Churches of Christ*; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his family. He is the husband of Jeanne Creasy Woodson; the father of Melissa Woodson Banks, William Edgar Woodson, Jr., and wife Senator Jamie Roberts Woodson, and Allison Woodson McKamey and husband Darrin Brent McKamey; and the grandfather of William Joseph Woodson, Elizabeth Grace Woodson, Caitlin Alexandra Woodson, Brent Alexander Woodson, Abigail Jeanne Woodson, and Woodson Mclain Banks; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Woodson personifies excellence in character, ability, and achievement, and, having dedicated more than fifty-five years to serving God, is worthy of this Body's recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend and congratulate Dr. William Woodson upon the dedication of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Lectureship at Freed-Hardeman University in his honor, offering our deepest gratitude for his lifelong service to God and his fellow man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.